

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 140-147 and 149-151 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants rewrite claim 140 in independent form by including the limitations of base claim 139. Applicants also rewrite claim 149 in independent form by including the limitations of base claim 139 and intervening claim 148. Applicants cancel claims 139 and 148 without prejudice, so the rejection on these claims is now moot. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 152-155 are allowed.

Applicants petition for a three (3) month extension of time, thereby extending the time for response until October 28, 2010. A requisite fee for the extension of time is enclosed. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-2183 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Applicants believe that all claims currently pending in the patent application are in a condition for allowance and earnestly seeks such by the Examiner. If the Examiner deems that any issue remains after considering this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite the prosecution of the application and engage in a joint effort to work out a mutually satisfactory solution.

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